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## **Public Hearing Will Address Access to Archaeological Records**

State History will hold a public hearing for a proposed new administrative rule (R212-14) governing the distribution and use of archaeological records on October 5, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. The hearing will take place at State History, Rio Grande Depot, 300 S. Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, in the Zephyr Conference Room.

The public may comment in writing through October 31, 2006. Comments should be sent to: Alycia Aldrich, 300 S. Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 or [aaldrich@utah.gov](mailto:aaldrich@utah.gov).

State History, in cooperation with other state and federal agencies, has compiled and maintains records of archaeological and historic sites and projects within the state of Utah. These paper-based and digital records assist government agencies and private companies in researching the state's cultural resources. However, the general public does not have access to certain protected records. These protected records contain information that, if known, would jeopardize the security of the resources and the valuable historic, scientific, educational, and cultural information that they may contain.

Rule R212-14 governs the process of how an authorized person can gain access to archaeological records. State History seeks public input as it finalizes the rule; the text of the draft rule can be found at [www.history.utah.gov](http://www.history.utah.gov).

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